

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A storage unit with a rolling tray arrangement, comprising:

a storage compartment with sides;

an opening in at least one of the sides;

a lower portion of the storage unit provided with a plurality of rollers; and

a roller shelf provided with a plurality of rollers capable of being attached to the storage unit so that the roller shelf extends away from an edge of the opening of the storage compartment, such that one or more trays for carrying items to be stored in the storage compartment, may be moved over the rollers of the storage unit, out through the opening, and onto the rollers of the roller shelf,

wherein the plurality of rollers are mounted in a manner so as to project partially through openings formed in the lower portion of the storage unit and a surface of the roller shelf.

2. (Original) The storage unit with a rolling tray arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the storage unit is a cabinet with a top, a bottom, and four sides.

3. (Original) The storage unit with a rolling tray arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the storage unit is a rack having sides which are substantially open.

4. (Original) The storage unit with a rolling tray arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the roller shelf includes hooks for attaching the roller shelf adjacent to the opening in the at least one of the sides of the storage compartment.

5. (Original) The storage unit with a rolling tray arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the roller shelf is free standing.

6. (Original) The storage unit with a rolling tray arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the roller shelf serves as a door for covering the opening.

7. (Original) The storage unit with a rolling tray arrangement according to claim 6, wherein the roller shelf is pivotably attached to the storage unit below the opening of the storage compartment, the roller shelf swinging upward to close the opening.

8. (Original) The storage unit with a rolling tray arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the rollers are distributed substantially uniformly over the lower portion of the storage unit and the roller shelf in order to evenly distribute a weight of the items on the tray.

9. (Currently Amended) The storage unit with a rolling tray arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the tray is a flat plate and includes a front wall and side walls extending rearwardly from ends of the front wall, the front wall and the side walls extending upwardly from the flat plate of the tray.

10. (Original) The storage unit with a rolling tray arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the roller shelf includes two or more bracket assemblies with rollers, the bracket assemblies being usable independently of each other.

11. (Original) The storage unit with a rolling tray arrangement according to claim 1, further comprising an interlock to prevent the tray from moving prior to attaching the roller shelf to the storage unit.

12. (Previously Presented) The storage unit with a rolling tray arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the opening is provided on two of the sides of the storage compartment opposite to each other, thus providing for bi-directional travel of the tray.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Original) The storage unit with a rolling tray according to claim 1, wherein the roller shelf may be used with multiple trays housed in a plurality of storage units.

15. (Original) The storage unit with a rolling tray according to claim 1, where the tray is movable completely outside the storage unit onto the roller shelf.

16. (Original) The storage unit with a roller tray according to claim 1, further comprising:

telecommunications equipment housed in the storage compartment; and

batteries supported on said tray for providing power to the telecommunications equipment.

17. (Original) The storage unit with a rolling tray according to claim 1, wherein batteries are stored in the storage compartment, and the roller shelf may be stored above the batteries in the storage compartment when not supporting the tray, thus holding the batteries securely on the tray.

18. (Currently Amended) The storage unit with a rolling tray according to claim 1, wherein the rollers on both the storage unit and the roller shelf are arranged in rows and

columns, each row and column having at least three separate rollers in one or more rows of
the roller shelf.

19. (Withdrawn) A storage unit with a rolling tray arrangement, comprising:

- a storage compartment with sides;
- an opening in at least one of the sides;
- a plurality of rollers arranged on a lower portion of the storage unit;
- a tray for carrying items to be stored in the storage compartment, the tray being movable over the rollers out through the opening so that substantially $\frac{3}{4}$ of the tray may extend outside of the storage compartment,

wherein hold-down brackets hold the tray in a cantilevered position when the tray extends outside of the storage compartment.

20. (Withdrawn) The storage unit with a rolling tray according to claim 19, wherein at least one projection or rod is arranged on the lower portion of the storage unit, and the rollers are mounted on the at least one projection or rod.

21. (Withdrawn) The storage unit with a rolling tray arrangement according to claim 19, wherein the hold-down brackets are angle-shaped members and project under at

least some of the rollers arranged along the lower portion of the storage unit, thus preventing the tray from tilting downward when it extends outside of the storage unit.

22. (Withdrawn) The storage unit with a rolling tray arrangement according to claim 19, wherein the hold-down brackets are L-shaped, S-shaped or Z-shaped members and project under at least some of the rollers arranged along the lower portion of the storage unit.

23. (Withdrawn) The storage unit with a rolling tray arrangement according to claim 19, wherein the hold-down brackets may be attached to the tray.

24. (Withdrawn) The storage unit with a rolling tray arrangement according to claim 19, wherein the openings are provided on two of the sides of the storage compartment opposite to each other, thus providing for bi-directional travel of the tray.

25. (Withdrawn) The storage unit with a rolling tray according to claim 19, wherein the tray has side walls.

26-32. (Canceled)

33. (Currently Amended) A storage unit with a rolling tray arrangement, comprising:

a storage compartment with sides;

an opening in at least one of the sides;

a plurality of rollers arranged on a lower portion of the storage unit;

a tray for carrying items to be stored in the storage compartment, the tray being movable over the rollers out through the opening so that at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of the tray may extend outside of the storage compartment,

wherein the tray includes a flat plate-shaped bottom, a front wall, and side walls extending rearwardly from ends of the front wall, the front wall and the side walls extending upwardly from the flat plate-shaped bottom of the tray.

34. (Previously Presented) The storage unit with a rolling tray arrangement according to claim 33, wherein the tray is also supported on rollers capable of rolling in fixed roller tracks mounted in the storage compartment, and further comprising:

a detachable roller track extension extending from each of the fixed roller tracks, the roller track extensions extending out through the opening,

the tray being rollable over the fixed roller tracks of the storage unit, out through the opening and onto the roller track extensions.

35. (New) The storage unit with a rolling tray arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the roller shelf includes a plate with a front wall and side walls extending rearwardly from ends of the front wall, the front wall and the side walls extending upwardly from the plate of the roller shelf.

36. (New) A storage unit with a rolling tray arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the openings in both the lower portion of the storage unit and the surface of the roller shelf are arranged in rows and columns, each row and column including at least three openings.